## **WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS**

## FOR NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN COUNTIES

**June 2003** 



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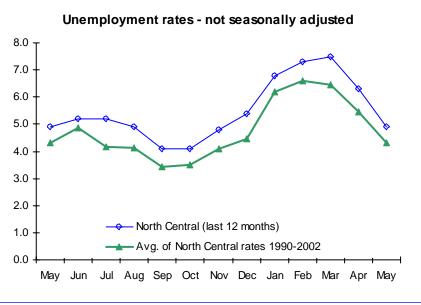
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## Where are the May flowers?

In May, **Wisconsin**'s unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) fell to 5.1 percent, still slightly higher than last May. The employment by industry estimates (on page 2) show more jobs in May than April in nearly every private sector industry, while signals remain more mixed when comparing last May to this May. Over-the-year losses in construction and manufacturing overshadow over-the-year gains in education & health services and information, professional, business & other services.

In the north central region, Adams County stands out for being below typiunemployment rates for 10 of the last 12 months. The construction sector and the retail & wholesale trade secposted strong job gains on the 1month measure and the 1-year measure. (See page 2.) Leisure & hospitality added seasonal jobs in May, but has not advanced much from last May.



Forest County's unemployment rate remained higher than usual. April-to-May job gains were mainly in construction, leisure & hospitality and retail & wholesale trade. Comparisons of May 2002 to May 2003 reveal little job growth in any private sector industry and losses in construction, manufacturing, leisure & hospitality and information, professional, business & other services.

The unemployment rate in **Lincoln County** was still well above it's typical rate for the month, but less so than it had been since November. Leisure & hospitality was the only private sector industry to post significantly more jobs this May than last, so job gains over the last month could reflect seasonal rebound more than real recovery.

Except January, **Marathon County** has seen more unemployment rate volatility than usual this year, but its May rate is very close to its typical May rate. Over the month and over the year, manufacturing job gains stand out, as do job losses in retail trade and financial activities.

Although still half a percentage point higher than usual, **Oneida County**'s May unemployment rate was closer to typical May levels than it has been in the last 12 months. April-to-May job growth in construction and retail & wholesale trade appear to be more seasonal than permanent. Comparing last May to this May, the leisure & hospitality sector grew faster and added many more jobs than any other sector, while manufacturing has lost jobs nine of the last twelve months.

The May unemploy-

ment rate in Portage County fell a bit faster than it usually does while remaining higher than usual. Construction jobs added in May were not enough to reach last May's level. The trade sector has lost jobs 9 of the last 12 months and remains below 2002 levels. As seen elsewhere, leisure & hospitality lead job arowth.

Until January, **Vilas County**'s unemployment rate was within half a percent of typical levels; since then it has been 1.5 percent to 2 percent over. April-to-May job gains in construction and retail & wholesale trade look fairly seasonal because the former was barely above its May 2002 level and the latter was below its May 2002 level. Leisure & hospitality continues to add jobs at a good clip while information professional, business & other services still struggles to recover from an unusually big January loss.

Wood County saw its unemployment rate fall more sharply than usual in May, remaining higher than usual, but not as much so as it had been during the winter months. The construction sector added jobs in May, but not enough to bring it up to last May's level. Education & health services did not add as many jobs in May as leisure & hospitality did, but education & health services has grown more since last May than has leisure & hospitality. Manufacturing lost jobs nine of the last twelve months.

May 2003   1-month   1-year   May 2-month   1-year   May 1-month		Emp	Employment	by	industry	ry estim	a te	s - not	seas	onally	adjusted	sted				
May 2003   1 month   1 year   2003   change   change   2003   change   change   2003   change   change   2003   change   2003   change		Μ	isconsir	ر					Forest		_		ө		Lincoln	
123,600   1.300   1.500   1.		May 2003	1-month change	1-year change	May 2003	1-month change	1-year change	Мау 2003		1-year change	May 2003	1-month change	1-year change	May 2003	1-month change	1-year change
123.600   10.800   7.500   270   30   40   90   320   20   150   150   10.400   410   110   30   320   20   40   500   10.400   410   11	Total jobs, all indstries*	2,799,500	32,100	-200	4,300	150	140	3,300	80	-70	3,800	09	100	12,100	200	09-
10   1.30   1.0	Const., min'g & nat. resources	123,600	10,900	-7,500	270	30	40	06	30	-20	150	10	10	450	10	-20
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156,200   1,800   -1,00   -1	Trade (w holesale & retail)	432,300	009'9	2,700	620	30	80	330	20	10	680	10	20	1,760	4 0	-50
156 200   1,500   3,100   90   90   90   90   90   90   90	Transport, Wrhsing, Utilities	106,400	1,800	-100	150	0	0	180	10		6	0	0	360	10	-50
1	Financial activities	156,200	1,500	3,100	06	0	0	100	0		180	0	-10	770	0	10
1.0   1.0	Education & health services	362,300	-700	0,000	460	0	0	350	-10	0	310	10	20	096	-10	0
1.0   1.0	Leisure & hospitality	245,100	12,300	-700	730	8 0	20	190	30	-50	270	20	40	1,180	0.9	100
1,000   1,00	Info, prof, bus. & other srvcs	432,700	1,800	8,000	330	0	-80	130		09-	320	10	40	066	10	-20
1	Government	424,800	-3,400	-1,300		10	50	1,640	10	7.0	1,150	0	-40	2,100	0	30
155,900   23,200   59,900   360   260	Civilian Labor Force**	3,077,100	940	65,900	8,900	170	430	4,900	-30	0	10,100	-190	350	14,900	-190	140
155,900 -22,300 6,000 360 -80 10 10 340 -140 30 770 -2.7 0.6   7.7 -2.1 1.0   1.0	Employed	2,921,200	23,200	59,900	8,500	250	420	4,500	100	-30	9,300	40	230	13,900	160	170
May 2003   1-month   1-year   May   1-month   1-year   1-month   1-word   1-year   1-word   1-year   1-word   1-year   1-year   1-word   1-year   1-word   1-year   1-year	Unemployed	155,900	-22,300	0,000	360	-80	10	340	-140	30	780	-230	120	940	-350	-30
May 2003   1-month   1-year   May   1-year   1-ye	Unemployment rate (%)	5.1	7.0-	0.1	4.1	-1.0	0.0	7.0	-2.7	9.0		-2.1	1.0	6.3	-2.3	-0.3
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Tetail) 14,400 400 400 1,390 20 -290 5,400 -30 50 400 20 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80	Const., min'g & nat. resources	2,900	300	100		180	0.2	1,020	100	-70	920	130	20	1,580	150	-40
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Utilities         2,900         100         0         440         20         -30         1,850         20         -20         100         10         -20           Fervices         4,300         0         -100         540         10         10         4,000         10         50         10         10         10         20           Fervices         6,600         100         0         3,100         0         50         120         120         120         10         20           Fervices         7,900         100         2,000         410         590         4,000         20         1,960         450         170         170           Fervices         7,900         -100         2,400         70         -100         3,700         50         1,960         450         170         170         170         170         180<	Trade (w holesale & retail)	14,300	-100	-100	4,000	150	40	4,400	-70	-470	1,370	100	-70	6,300	20	-120
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a,100 -710 -140 1,080 -630 -10 1,860 -280 0 700 -460 220 2 entrate (%) 4,0 -0.9 -0.2 4.8 -3.0 -0.2 4.8 -0.7 -0.1 5.7 -4.0 1.6	Employed	74,000	260	1,640	21,500	1,180	700	36,900	280	1,000	11,400	630	370	39,200	140	1,080
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	Unemploymentrate (%)	4.0	6.0-	-0.2	4.8	-3.0	-0.2	4.8	-0.7	-0.1	5.7	-4.0		5.1	-1.1	-0.3

\*Includes jobs with employers in area. \*\* Includes labor force participants residing in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary.

Numbers 2,000 and greater are rounded to nearest 100. Numbers under 2,000 are rounded to nearest 10. Sub-units may not add to totals due to rounding.